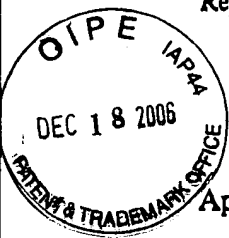


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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is further to the Office Action dated November 21, 2006. Applicant wishes to present the following:

Restriction: In accordance with 37 CFR 1.143, Applicant wishes to restrict the claims to invention I (claims 1-6 and 11-13) with traverse.

Amendments to the Claims: are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks: begin on page 6 of this paper.